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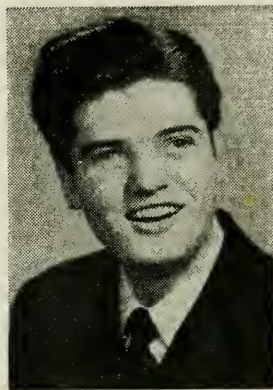
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Elder D. A. Cherrett.



President June B. Sharp.



Elder Roy Stevens.

New Mission Presidency Formed

ON Sunday, August 8th, 1948, the Mission Presidency was reorganized. Elders William I. Poulter and Thomas Y. Wilson were honorably released. In their place and with the approval of the First Presidency of the Church, Elders Daniel A. Cherrett and LeRoy R. Stevens were sustained 1st and 2nd Counselors respectively to the Mission President.

The new counselors have accepted their callings with deepest humility, accompanied by the desire to emulate the outstanding

abilities of our beloved President in working in diligent harmony to the greater up-building of the Kingdom of God.

"I feel very happy in accepting this calling as counselor to the Mission President," Brother Cherrett said, "but at the same time I feel very humble, realizing as I do the responsibility that it entails. With the assistance of our Heavenly Father I hope to be able to perform my duties in an acceptable manner.

"To many of you I am probably only a

name, but I hope to become acquainted with you personally at the earliest possible opportunity. Meanwhile I hope that we may all be united in purpose by our mutual interests in the furthering of this great work of the Church."

By way of introduction for the many who have not as yet met the new counselors personally, we will write this brief sketch of their lives to date.

This new responsibility comes to Brother Cherrett as a climax to many years of faithful Church service. He has served as Superintendent of the Mowbray Sunday School, Mowbray Branch President, and, at the time of his appointment he was serving as President of the Cape District. Being born in Stikland, Cape Province, to Levi and Eleanor Palmer Cherrett, who were among the early converts to the Church in Cape Town, he has continued to live in the Cape District except for interruptions brought about by world conditions. The threats of the last world conflict found Brother Cherrett ready to respond in defense of the principles of freedom, that inalienable right which we all prize so highly. For six years, October 1939 to October 1945, he served his country and his fellowmen as a pilot in the South African Air Force. He saw service, both in active combat and as a pilot instructor, in North Africa, the British Isles, India, and Ceylon. At the time of his release he held the rank of Captain. After his release he returned to the Standard Bank of South Africa, where he is at present employed.

Another important date in his book of life is August 25, 1944, the day of his marriage to Sister Theodore Bedford. At present they are living in Pinelands, Cape Province. Brother Cherrett has always exhibited a strong testimony as evidenced by his constant and energetic works.

Elder Stevens likewise devoted much time to army service during the war. He was assigned to the North Pacific, where his troopship finally found the tiny barren island of Adak in the Aleutian chain. During his two years stay there he gained much experience, and with previous Church background was able to render

faithful service in the Presidency of the Adak L.D.S. Servicemen's Branch. There he developed a fervant testimony of the gospel and gained a desire to share that with people of other lands.

February 11th, 1947, he left Salt Lake City for the South African Mission. More than six months later he arrived in Cape Town on the "S.S. Westward Ho" with his seven companions. The long delay was occasioned by lack of transportation and an accident which occurred to the ship on which he travelled.

Thus far in his mission Elder Stevens has laboured in the Cape District and has made a host of friends.

Elder Stevens is a member of a very lovely Latter-day Saint family. His younger brother, Bob, is now serving as a missionary in Uruguay, while the other two brothers expect to fulfil missions in the very near future. Elder Stevens was attending the University of Utah at the time of his mission call and expects to return to major in educational administration.

When asked how he felt about his new calling, Elder Stevens said, "In all sincerity and humility, my brethren and sisters, as I accept this responsibility, I do
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CHURCH MEMBERSHIP EXCEEDS ONE MILLION.

During the General Conference last April the following figures on the growth of the Church since its humble beginning with only six members 118 years ago were published:

April 6, 1830	.....	6
1840	.....	30,000
1850	.....	60,000
1860	.....	80,000
1870	.....	110,000
1880	.....	160,000
1890	.....	205,000
1900	.....	236,316
1910	.....	382,108
1920	.....	526,032
1930	.....	670,017
1940	.....	803,528
1948	.....	1,016,170

THE FAMILY HOUR

"You fathers and mothers who are rearing sons and daughters, don't put off the opportunity that is yours to win them to a righteous life so that when temptation comes they will have no difficulty to resist it."—President George Albert Smith.

"To the Latter-day Saint, the home is a holy place. It has its pattern in the Heavens." President J. Reuben Clark, Jr.

"Constant training, constant vigilance, companionship, being watchmen of our own children are necessary in order to keep our homes intact." President David O. McKay.

MESSAGE FROM THE CHURCH ENDORISING AND INSTITUTING THE PROGRAMME.

Several months ago in joint meetings of the First Presidency and the Council of The Twelve consideration was given the topic of "the home evening meeting", a topic that had at intervals received more or less attention by individuals and Church groups through a considerable number of years. Considerable energy and much enthusiasm have been spent by these people trying to put into operation "home evening" programmes that were really successful. Their efforts have been crowned with varying degrees of success—so much so that the General Authorities now feel that experience demonstrates the practicability of well-planned programmes. And the need for them was never greater in the history of the Church.

In January, 1946, we addressed a letter to stake and ward authorities outlining briefly why a "home evening" programme should be adopted in L.D.S. homes. But how to get these programmes in operation in all the wards of the Church was the question. The answer came with the suggestion—call upon the Relief Society. This was done for many obvious reasons unnecessary to name here. So, sponsored by the First Presidency, the Council of the Twelve, and the Presiding Bishopric, and with the co-operation of the general boards of the other auxiliaries, the General Board of the Relief Society, supported by stake and ward Priesthood authorities, will undertake the

planning and supervision of "The Family Hour" programmes—the approved new name—in Latter-day Saint homes in all the wards of the Church.

The programmes here in outline form afford a variety and flexibility that will make them adaptable to practically every home. It is hoped they will be received with enthusiasm and put into operation everywhere. The happy results will certainly justify the attention and efforts needed to make the programme successful.

Geo. F. Richards,

President of the Council of Twelve.

SUGGESTIVE PROGRAMMES FOR VARIOUS AGE GROUPS.

Family of Small Children.

1. Sing songs the children like best, such as songs from the Junior Sunday School Song Book, Little Stories in Song, and the Primary Song Book.

2. Recite memory gems such as are found in the Instructor, Children's Friend, or other good books or magazines.

3. Play games such as "Oranges and Lemons", "Drop the Handkerchief", and others.

4. Tell stories—Biblical narratives (See Recreation in the Home,* page 102).

Age Group Above Twelve.

1. Take turns in letting children choose the opening hymn.

2. Memory contest work:

A considerable effort should be made, over a given period of time, to memorise, as a family, the Articles of Faith, the Ten Commandments, the Beatitudes, some of the psalms, parables, and other passages of scripture.

3. Games.

4. Discussion of personal problems, question, narration of events, personal experiences in the field of religion, or faith-promoting incidents.

5. From the letters in chosen words, such as "Hill Cumorah", "Family Hour",

see how many words can be made in a given period of time.

6. Light refreshments.

Mixed Age Group.

1. A special dessert by Mother.
2. Age eleven: Quizzes and Puzzles taken from "Recreation in the Home" manual.
3. Age nine: Retold stories from the "Children's Friend".
4. Under nine: Pictures and Quiz from "Children's Friend"; recite poetry.
5. Father: A talk on life and activities of present church authorities with pictures when possible.

Mature Group.

The period following Sunday dinner might be used. If so, the following suggestions might be helpful.

1. Scriptural reading of favourite verses.
2. Discussion of a particular gospel principle.
3. Discussion of individual problems in the field of theology, religion, or Church activity.
4. Current events as related to the Church, from Church publications.
5. Report on a sermon from the "Church Section", Deseret News.
6. Report on impressive Sunday School

lesson, or an article or lesson in The Relief Society Magazine, The Improvement Era, The Children's Friend, or The Instructor.

Obviously, only one or two of these activities would be chosen for one time. The type and repetition would depend on the interests of the group.

Family Picnic.

The place may be the canyon, the park, or the backyard, with open fireplace or bonfire. An outdoor picnic could be combined with games, nature stories, and faith-promoting incidents.

Family with Married Children.

A delightful Family Hour may be centered around a family dinner. This occasional reunion at home, to be followed by a discussion of gospel principles, suited to the varied age groups, promotes a feeling of love and unity that is invaluable. To interest the younger children during dinner, Mother, who is hostess, might suggest that Father be a guest, representing a distinguished or well-known person, or relative. Then by his actions and conversation, he would give the others an inkling of whom he was impersonating. The first one to guess correctly then would take his turn as the guest.

"There can be no genuine happiness separate and apart from the home, and
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President Evan P. Wright Appointed

CHANGE in the leadership of the South African Mission was noted last week in the appointment by the First Presidency of Evan P. Wright, a former missionary to that mission.

President Wright will succeed Pres. June B. Sharp who will return to his home in Salt Lake, following four years of service.

Born in Salt Lake, Feb. 24, 1911, the new appointee is a son of Walter and Emily Jeremy Wright. He received his education at the LDS High School and University of Utah.

He was married to Jean Douglass in Cape Town, South Africa, in July, 1936.

They received their endowments in the Salt Lake Temple four years later. They are the parents of three children: Barbara Jean, 10 (born in South Africa), Douglass, 6, and Evan J., 4.

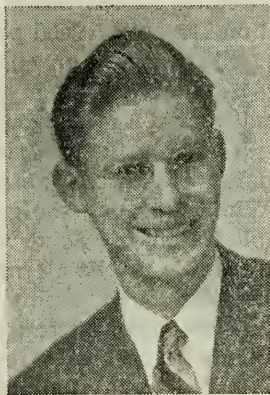
Following his mission service, Elder Wright served as superintendent of the YMMIA in University Ward, 1933-34. He later returned to South Africa on a business venture, and twice was branch president in Johannesburg, 1938-40 and 1945-47. He was also branch president in Atlanta, Ga., in 1941-42.

He with two missionary companions, re-
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LATTER-DAY REVELATION

By ELDER MILTON V. BACKMAN.

ARE you the possessor of a truth which is more precious than the comforts of a home and more valuable than the praise of men? A truth so important that you would be willing to deliver up life itself rather than relinquish that truth you have obtained?



Elder Milton V. Backman.

To thousands of Latter-day Saints the gospel of Jesus Christ is that very truth; it brings complete joy and happiness into the lives of all those who live its teachings. At the end of April 4,232 full time missionaries were actively engaged in furthering the Lord's work on five continents and the islands of the Pacific, wholly at their own expense. Their sacrifices are for one reason only, and that is to bear testimony to the world that the gospel of Jesus Christ has been restored in these last days, through divine revelation, by a prophet of the living God.

Through revelation, God has continually communicated with man, guiding His children along the path of truth and righteousness. Indeed, one of the most convincing evidences of the existence of a Supreme Being is the testimony of God's holy prophets. The Bible contains many of these revelations and conclusive facts that, from Adam to John the Revelator, God has di-

rected the affairs of His children by personal communications through His chosen servants. This was attested by Amos: 'Surely the Lord God will do nothing but He revealeth His secret unto His servants the prophets.'

In the dispensation of meridian of time, Christ established His church upon the foundation of Apostles and prophets who were guided by revelation (Gal. 1: 1, 11-12). These Apostles and Prophets were to remain in the Church until "we all come to a unity of the faith" and in order "that we henceforth be no more children tossed to and fro and carried about with every wind of doctrine." (Eph. 4: 11-14; 1 Cor. 12: 21-28; Math. 23: 43).

Certainly the world has at no time come to a "unity of the faith" and people are continually in need of divine guidance, as it states in Proverbs, "Where there is no vision the people perish." It is a sad story indeed to study the "Ecclesiastical History" of the church and learn about the wickedness and immorality that prevailed in the early Christian era. The Apostles and Prophets were disregarded, martyred, and revelation ceased, thus placing the people in a state of confusion.

The Lord has told His people, through the Prophet Isaiah, why revelation is suspended at times for he declared, "Behold, the Lord's hand is not shortened, that it can not save; neither his ear heavy, that it can not hear: But your iniquities have separated between you and your God, and your sins have hid his face from you, that he will not hear." (Isaiah 59: 1-2; 24: 5-6; Amos. 8: 11-12; II Thes. 2: 1-3).

One of the best evidences of the fact that an apostacy occurred is the absence of the church organization and the Holy Ghost among the people. Revelation, prophecy, healing, speaking in tongues, and other gifts of the spirit were not found among men. Consequently, the many reformers

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CHURCH-WIDE NEWS BRIEFS

A comprehensive over-all picture of increased activities and growth within the Church, if such could be given to the members each month in this publication, would certainly stand as a firm testimony to all that the Church of Jesus Christ has been restored in this dispensation. However, here is a brief glance at a few of the recent history-making news events.

CRYSTAL, NEW MEXICO.

On June 26th and 27th nearly 200 redmen and 60 whites assembled for the Navajo-Hopi Mission Indian Conference. Eleven were baptized on Sunday afternoon in a cold stream of water which had been dammed for the purpose. The gospel is being accepted by our Lamanite brethren in direct fulfillment of Book of Mormon prophecy.

LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA.

Two prominent Southern California Indians joined the Church recently. They are Chief Tahachee of the Kawia Indians, who is also an author and movie actor by profession, and Princess Neowana, his wife. He was first introduced to the Book of Mormon 25 years ago and since that time has studied it thoroughly. Since his baptism approximately 9 months ago he has made public addresses to more than 32,000 people. Talking on "Why I am a Mormon," he compares many of the Indian ceremonial customs to parts of the Book of Mormon and the Doctrine and Covenants.

SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH.

The 108th train carload of Church welfare supplies en route to Europe left Salt Lake City on July 22nd. As evidence of divine inspiration, Church welfare work is moving steadily forward. The fruitful results of the numerous projects such as stake farms, cattle ranches and livestock

projects, new stake storehouses, quilt projects for needy Europe, canning factories, and numerous other Ward, Stake, and Mission projects show the diligence of the Church in looking after the temporal welfare of its members as Christ taught.

BERLIN, GERMANY.

The first welfare garden inside Germany was planted on May 6th. Seed potatoes received last fall from an unselfish Dutch Welfare Program were used on the 4 acre tract of land which was miraculously secured. The land is in the American sector only a ten minute ride from mission headquarters. While guarding the garden one day, a humble Latter-day Saint woman expressed the attitude of the German Saints towards this new-found ability to help themselves in these words: "It is a wonderful feeling for us to look over these growing potatoes and to know that they belong to us—that we are doing something for ourselves. And even if we don't receive anything in return for our labours, working on the project is worth-while."

6,000 GATHER FOR MISSION CONFERENCE IN BERLIN.

On June 27th, 6,000 enthusiastic German Saints gathered in the huge Waldbuehne Amphitheater, which had to be used to accommodate what turned out to be the greatest conference of the Church ever held in Europe. Alma Sonne, European Mission President, presided. The Church is indeed flourishing in Europe.

CONFERENCE IN THE HOLY LAND.

The first conference in the Holy Land since the re-opening of the Palestine-Syrian Mission was held in Aleppo recently. Mission President Badwagan Piranian presided. Seven missionaries were present. All those who attended traveled to and from in safety.

Mission News

WITH THE MISSIONARIES

ARRIVALS

The following Missionsaries arrived in Cape Town aboard the s.s. "Gibbes Lykes" on July 25th, 1948:

Elder J. GOLDEN BARTON of Farmington, Utah, was assigned to labour with Elder J. Paul Jewkes in Woodstock, Cape District.

Elder GEORGE E. DALTON of Pleasant Grove, Utah, was assigned to the Mission Office as Mission Secretary.

Elder ROBERT W. GARDNER of St. George, Utah, was assigned to labour with Elder Oscar G. Rowland in Durban, Natal District.

Elder THOMAS E. ROBINSON of Salt Lake City, Utah, was assigned to labour with Elder Alan G. Sharp in Rosebank, Cape District.

Elder PETER G. RUSSELL of Le Grande, Oregon, was assigned to labour with Elder Dean T. Berlin in Vereeniging, Transvaal District.

Elder BURNETT J. SMITH of Payette, Idaho, was assigned to labour with Elder Duane S. Williams in Port Elizabeth, Eastern Province District.

TRANSFERS

Elder FRED K. BOEDE was transferred from Boksburg to Ramah, Johannesburg, within the Transvaal District, on July 22. He is labouring with Elder J. Richard Clarke.

Elder G. RONALD BOWLES was transferred from Durban, Natal District, to Rondebosch, Cape District, on August 8th. He is labouring with Elder Heber R. Olson.

Elder FRANK M. BRADSHAW was transferred from Ramah to North West Branch, Johannesburg, within the Transvaal District, on July 23rd. He is labouring with Elder Bert E. Wride.

Elder JACK H. BRAITHWAITE was transferred from North West Branch Johannesburg, to Vereeniging, within the Transvaal District, on August 5th. He is labouring with Elder Dayle F. Jenkins.

Elder GRANT F. CHANDLER was transferred from Pretoria, Transvaal District, to Sea Point, Cape District, on August 7th. He is labouring with Elder A. Sterling Workman.

Elder DAYLE F. JENKINS was transferred from Durban, Natal District, to Vereeniging, Transvaal District, on August 7th. He is labouring with Elder Jack H. Braithwaite.

Elder J. PAUL JEWKES was transferred from Malvern, Johannesburg, Transvaal District, to Woodstock, Cape District, on August 14th. He is labouring with Elder J. Golden Barton.

Elder KENNETH H. MITCHELL was transferred from Pinelands, Cape District, to Pretoria, Transvaal District, on August 3rd. He is labouring with Elder Lavar Matkin.

Elder E. PHILLIP MORGAN was transferred from Springs to Krugersdorp, within the Transvaal District, on July 10th. He is labouring with Elder Vernon L. Scott.

Elder J. ERROL NIVEN was transferred from Kensington, Johannesburg, to Boksburg, within the Transvaal District, on July 23rd. He is labouring with Elder M. Dean Wilding.

Elder HEBER R. OLSON was transferred from Mission Office as Mission Secretary to Rondebosch, Cape District, on August 8th. He is labouring with Elder G. Ronald Bowles.

Elder GARTH M. PAXMAN was transferred from Krugersdorp to Springs, within the Transvaal District, on July 10th. He is labouring with Elder Stanley H. Cockrell.

Elder **GLEN J. PINEGAR** was transferred from Sea Point to Pinelands, within the Cape District, on August 1st. He is labouring with Elder Stewart H. Parker.

Elder **JAMES F. SHIRLEY** was transferred from Port Elizabeth, Eastern Province District, to Pietermaritzburg, Natal District, on August 8th. He is labouring with Elder H. Ronald Wagstaff.

Elder **FLOYD L. SOREN** was transferred from Vereeniging, Transvaal District, to Durban, Natal District, on August 6th. He is labouring with Elder Edwin R. Cammack.

Elder **D. ROY THACKERAY** was transferred from Pietermaritzburg, Natal District, to Malvern, Transvaal District, on August 8th. He is labouring with Elder Dell P. Higham.

DISTRICT HIGHLIGHTS

CAPE DISTRICT.

MOWBRAY BRANCH

(Reported by Edith Wiid).

Honouring the entrance of the Mormon Pioneers into the Salt Lake City Valley 101 years ago, a Pioneer Social was held at Cumorah on Thursday, July 22nd. Western songs and stories were presented by the Sons of The Mormon Pioneers (Cape Elders) while they were gathered around a simulated camp fire. Dancing and refreshments concluded the social. The Missionaries presented this same program for Sister Vera Gray and other ladies at the Wynberg Military Hospital on August 2nd.

A baptism service was held at Cumorah on Sunday, July 25th, for Brother Samuel Alexander Rocke of Sea Point. We are happy to welcome Brother Rocke into the church and extend our best wishes to him. The M-Men and Gleaners enjoyed a roller skating party at Wynberg on Tuesday, July 27th. Another baptism service was held at Cumorah on Sunday August 1st for Sister Magdalene Catharine de Bruyn of Epping Garden Village, Brother Gordon Cornelius Terblanche, and Sister Daphne Patricia Terblanche of Observatory. Their son was blessed by Elder Heber R. Olson and given the name of Michael Leslie Terblanche. We are very pleased to welcome these fine people into the church. Our congratulations are extended to them.

The Branch M.I.A. sponsored a very successful Grand Variety Concert at Cumorah on Saturday, August 7th. A very interesting one-act play, "Soap Opera," was pre-

sented under the direction of Sister Anita Kehl. Members of the cast included La June Sharp, Sheila Bibb, Johannes Friemond, Elder Maurice K. Heaton, Joan Baker, Joyce Kehl, and Lionel Bibb. The entertaining musical program consisted of numbers by Brother Samuel Rayner, La June Sharp and Anita Kehl, Elder Stewart H. Parker, Captain Renau, a Cape Town magician, Elder Alan G. Sharp and Elder Thomas E. Robinson, the Cumorah Chorus, and Miss Margaret Long.

Brother and Sister Oliver M. Cowdery, daughter Jeanette and son Oliver, of Pretoria, were in Cape Town and Mowbray on holiday during the latter part of July. Brother and Sister Albert Ninow, Sr. of Johannesburg, enjoyed a holiday in Cape Town and vicinity along with their children Frederick, Richard and Stephina. Their son, Albert Jr., who has been employed in Cape Town, returned home with them on August 20th. Brother Samuel Rayner has returned from Bloemfontein to his home in Mowbray and will be employed in Cape Town.

President and Sister June B. Sharp left Cumorah on August 12th and motored to Port Elizabeth. Conference was held with the Branch on Sunday, August 15th. The following Sunday, Conference was held with the Branch at East London. They returned to Cumorah on August 24th after a very enjoyable trip.

The "Cumorah Chorus," composed of the Cape District Elders, has been organized under the direction of Sister Ida G. Sharp. Several numbers have been presented on Branch programs.

Plans and preparations for the forthcoming baseball season are under way. Mr. Don Mills, well known Varsity Old Boys pitcher, is coaching the team with Mr. Ted Adderly, outstanding Transvaal pitcher, as the one who will be throwing "ye old ball." It is too early to make definite statements but we predict that "Cumorah" will be among the league leaders and will give its opponents a good game this year. Just come and watch us!

New modern bankboards and other basketball equipment have been installed in Cumorah's recreation hall. A demonstration was given on August 6th for athletic coaches of local high schools. Many people are taking a keen interest in this fast moving game; young and old, men and women. Enthusiastic backing by outstanding Cape Town sportsmen is laying the groundwork for a future basketball league.

EASTERN PROVINCE DISTRICT.

EAST LONDON BRANCH

(Reported by Elder C. LaVar Rockwood)

The 24th of July was celebrated by members and friends of the Branch with a Braaivleis at the farm of Mr. and Sister Cyril Dean in Arnolton. The large group attending enjoyed a program around a camp fire followed by a very delicious meal of roast chicken and duck. Everyone had a grand time.

Sister Maude Jubber left on August 1st for Salisbury, Southern Rhodesia, where she will be the guest of her daughter and son-in-law, Brother and Sister Donald M. Crane.

NATAL DISTRICT.

DURBAN BRANCH

(Reported by Elder Kenneth L. Kuttler).

Brother Robert K. F. Doller, his son Otto and family, all of Port Elizabeth, visited with Sister Mary Wiblin on July 5th. President June B. Sharp was in Durban from July 10th to 13th. A very inspirational conference was held on Sunday, July 11th.

On Sunday, July 18th, the Durban Branch was reorganized. Brother Louis Duncan was released as Branch President with his two councillors, Brother Harry Spears and Brother C. A. Smith. Elder Kenneth L. Kuttler was sustained as Branch President with Brother C. A. Smith as First Councillor and Brother Melverton Jakins as Second Councillor. We congratulate these brethren on their new calling and pray that the Lord will direct them in their leadership of the Durban Branch. A very enjoyable Pioneer Social was held on July 24th in commemoration of the Pioneer's entrance into the Salt Lake Valley.

TRANSVAAL DISTRICT.

RAMAH BRANCH

(Reported by Deryck V. Vice).

Elder J. Richard Clarke was made Supervising Elder of the Transvaal District on July 17th to replace the late Elder Le Grande D. Barrett. District Conference was held on Sunday, July 18th, with Mission President June B. Sharp in attendance. "The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints as a Preserver of Spiritual Life" was the theme around which all talks were presented. Much inspirational food was received from the morning and evening sessions. A special Memorial Service was held during the afternoon for Elder LeGrande D. Barrett.

"Gillooly's Farm" was the scene of a Branch Pioneer Picnic held during the afternoon of July 24th. Tributes were paid the Mormon Pioneers by way of music and the spoken word. A very enjoyable social and dance in the evening concluded the days activities. Brother and Sister John C. Troskie have moved from the Branch and are now residing in Pretoria. Brother and Sister Ariel T. Smith and family spent a very enjoyable holiday in the Kruger National Park.

SPRINGS BRANCH

(Reported by I. C. Louw).

Sister Mavis Louw spent an enjoyable holiday at "Es Bon," the farm of Brother

and Sister Dick Jakins in Barberton. Duane Jakins spent his school holiday on the Rand with his "Grandy," Sister Mary Vice. The Branch enjoyed a very fine Pioneer Social at the home of Brother and Sister Johan Stemmett on July 24th.

VEREENIGING BRANCH

(Reported by Elder Dean T. Berlin).

The Branch has been making rapid progress in the short span of time since its organization on June 6th. On Sunday, August 15th, a record attendance of 32 people were present. Among them were Brother I. C. Louw, of the District Presidency, and his family. Following the evening service, the Branch's first Fireside Chat was held.

On Sunday, August 22nd, the Branch Presidency was reorganized due to changes of the Missionaries. Elder Floyd L. Soren and Brother Johannes P. Brummer were released with a vote of thanks as First and Second Councillors respectively. Elder Dean T. Berlin was retained as Branch President. Elder Jack H. Braithwaite was sustained as First Councillor and Brother Hansie Brummer as Second Councillor. Sister Susanna E. Brummer remained as Branch Clerk. The Sunday School Superintendency was organized with Brother Stephen Brummer as Superintendent, Elder Dayle F. Jenkins as First Councillor, and Elder Peter G. Russell as Second Councillor. We are very happy to learn of the growth this new Branch is making.

MEMORANDA

BIRTHS—BLESSINGS

BOWER.—A son was born to Dennis and Silvia Bower of the Port Elizabeth Branch on June 12th.

SMITH.—Brother and Sister C. A. Smith of the Durban Branch welcomed a new daughter, Virginia Dorothy, into their home on July 16th.

MARRIAGES

JUBBER—SHOEKEL. — On Friday, July 30th, Brother Melvin Jubber, son of Sister Maude Jubber of East London, took Miss Elaine Shoekel as his bride in the Church of England Chapel of St. Albanes, East London. Many friends and relatives witnessed the ceremony. Following a reception, the young couple travelled to Salisbury, Southern Rhodesia, and the Victoria Falls for a honeymoon trip. Our congratulations and best wishes to them for much success and happiness during the years ahead.

DEATHS

CAMPBELL.—Sister Aletta Henrietta van Blerk Campbell passed away at the

family home in Springs on July 25th of tuberculosis. She was baptised in 1908 while living in Kimberley. Brother and Sister Campbell raised a fine family of seven children, six of whom are still living. Sister Campbell had a wonderful testimony of the gospel and was always active in church functions. To Brother Campbell and the family we extend our deepest sympathy.

GOUWS.—We extend our sympathy to Sisters Florence G. Vigus, Elizabeth G. Sequeria, and Rena G. Dawson of the Mowbray Branch, in the passing of their beloved father, Mr. Stephanus Andries Gouws, on July 27th.

President Evan P. Wright.—From page 88.

turned to South Africa after fulfilling missions there to establish a chain of drive-in restaurants and ice-cream factories throughout the Union of South Africa.

This will be the new mission leader's sixth trip to South Africa, having made his first trip there in 1930 as a missionary and four subsequent ones on business.

He and his family will leave soon after October conference.

—*The Church News*, September 8, 1948.

Sunday School Sacrament Gem and Concert Recitations for October, 1948

Sacrament Gem.

Help us, O God, to realize
The Great atoning sacrifice;
The gift of Thy Beloved Son,
The Prince of Life, the Holy One.

Gospel Doctrine.

But, behold, I say unto you, that little children are redeemed from the foundation of the world through mine Only Begotten: Wherefore they cannot sin, for power is not given unto Satan to tempt little children, until they begin to become accountable before me.—Doctrine and Covenants 29: 46-47.

Gospel Message.

Abide ye in the liberty wherewith ye are made free; entangle not yourselves in sin, but let your hands be clean, until the Lord comes.—Doctrines and Covenants 88:86.

Seniors.

And behold, I come quickly; and my reward is with me, to give every man according as his works shall be.—Revelations 22: 12.

Juniors.

And no man hath ascended up to heaven, but he that came down from heaven, even the Son of man which is in heaven.

John 3: 13.

Intermediate Class.

But grow in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.

I Peter 3: 18.

Primary.

If somebody's tired, or somebody's old
Or somebody's eyes can't see;
I'll use my feet and my hands and my eyes
Their messenger I will be.

Kindergarten.

I do believe that Jesus hears
A little child who prays.
I do believe that with His love
He'll watch o'er us always.

RELIEF SOCIETY CORNER

Ida G. Sharp

Dear Readers,

We are using our space this month to thank our members and friends for the fine response given to the Building Fund for our Relief Society General Board. We are very happy and thrilled and want to thank each one of you for your splendid co-operation.

Each name will be on the list and placed in a glass case in the building.

We are very proud to tell you we more than reached the quota set for our mission.

PEANUT BUTTER COOKIES.

$\frac{1}{2}$ cup government sugar (if not available use white sugar).
 $\frac{1}{2}$ cup white sugar.
 $\frac{1}{2}$ cup peanut butter.
 $1\frac{1}{2}$ cups flour.
1 egg.
 $\frac{1}{2}$ cup shortening.
1 teaspoon soda.

Method of Mixing.

Beat egg, add to the sugar and shortening that has been creamed together. Mix thoroughly and add other ingredients. Mix well. Now make the dough in round balls the size of a walnut. Place on a greased baking sheet about 2 inches apart. Press the ball with the back of a fork to make a ridge on the cookies. Bake in a moderate oven about 10 minutes or until brown. Have the oven about 375 deg.

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so with one thought in mind, to be a servant of all. I thank God for His abundant blessings. I have known joy never before equaled as a direct result of the privilege I have of labouring in South Africa in the service of my Maker. May He in some way find me useful in further fulfilling His wise purposes."

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arose which resulted in spreading Christianity, in purifying church leadership, and convincing millions that an apostacy from the original church of Christ has occurred.

However, the New Testament is silent on many vital religious subjects and varied interpretations are possible on many scriptures. It becomes impossible to reconstruct from the Bible alone either the gospel of Jesus Christ in its fulness or the organization of the Church that He established.

For instance, when Paul wrote his epistles to the organized Churches, he often mentioned the officers that were guiding the people such as Apostles, Prophets, Bishops, Deacons, Teachers, Elders, etc. Since the officials understood their responsibilities, he did not repeat them in these epistles. Nowhere in the New Testament are their responsibilities found, thus affirming the necessity for latter-day revelation if God's Church is to be organized in completeness.

When Paul wrote to the Ephesians, he told them that there is only "one Lord, one faith, one baptism"; in the letter to the Romans the people were warned to "mark them which cause divisions and offences contrary to the doctrines which ye have learned; and avoid them." (Rom. 16: 17). Following the rebellion of Martin Luther from the Catholic Church, hundreds of sects sprang into existence all teaching different doctrines. Many different modes of baptism were instituted with a variety of prayers at the baptismal ceremonies. The same was true with the ordinance of the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper since words to be used in the ordinance are not found in the Bible. One might continue to list every doctrine taught by Christ and His Apostles, but no amount of argument could restore harmony in the Christian world or bring Christians to the true practice of the gospel save these teachings be restored through direct revelation from God.

In the midst of this confusion there were those with fine Christian virtues. Men once again began to live the teachings of Christ and walk the paths set by the Sav-

ior. After the reformation the way was prepared for His gospel to once again be taught in its fulness.

In direct answer to prayer, God, the Father, with His Son, Jesus Christ, appeared to a young lad named Joseph Smith, who was in search of religious truth. On an early spring day in the year 1820, the heavens were once again opened and other visions, revelations, and marvellous developments followed. By direct revelation, the Church of Jesus Christ was re-established in these latter-days with the same organization, same authority and same doctrines that it had established in the meridian of time.

Once again, God has spoken to His children through His holy prophets, and, concerning the President of the Restored Church, the Lord said, "Wherefore, meaning the Church, thou shalt give heed unto all his words and commandments which he shall give unto you as he receiveth them, walking in all holiness before me. For his word ye shall receive as if from mine own mouth, in all patience and faith." (D. and C. 21: 4-5).

Let each and everyone of us give heed to the counsel of the Apostles and Prophet of the Church today who are directed by divine guidance, and let us walk in obedience to their teachings, "For of him unto whom much is given, much is required; and he who sins against the greater light shall receive the greater condemnation." (D. and C. 82: 3). Therefore, it behoves all of us to show our love to our God by living his commandments, which He has given for our guidance in these latter-days.

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every effort made to sanctify and preserve its influence is uplifting to those who toil and sacrifice for its establishment."

President Joseph F. Smith.

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